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Convocation Opens 35th Year

The convocation on Sunday afternoon, September 13, officially opening the thirty-fifth college year was attended by a standing-room-only crowd of students and parents. A



Evangelist Dodson

refreshment hour following the convocation was sponsored by the Dayton Coca-Cola Bottling Works. The week preceding was devoted to workshops for faculty, staff, and student leaders.

During the first week of school spiritual life meetings were conducted by evangelist Kenneth F. Dodson, of Winona Lake, Ind. He was speaker for the spring meetings at the college last April.

Mr. Dodson is a widely known evangelist, who is affiliated with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches and at one time served on the Council of Fourteen for that denomination. He is a graduate of Wabash College of Crawfordsville, Ind., which school also awarded him the Phi Beta Kappa key.

Registration

Registration for the fall term as of September 19 totaled 266 representing 28 states and 6 foreign countries. New to the student body this year is a representative from Alaska and also one from California.

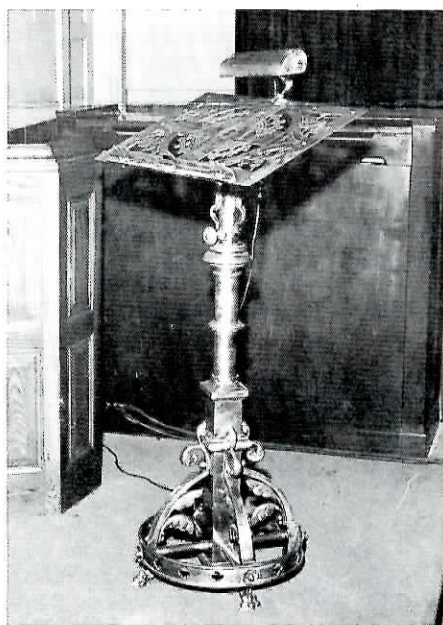
The second generation students include four continuing students and three new freshmen. John de Rosset, a sophomore, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John de Rosset, who plan to return soon to Central African Republic; Sylvia Toliver, also a sophomore, is living with her family in Dayton, since her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Toliver, are at present on furlough from the Philippines; Sally and David Llewellyn, a junior and a sophomore respectively, are the

children of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Llewellyn of Sebring, Fla. The new students are Glynne Ellen Crumley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Crumley, missionaries to Congo under Berean Mission; Patricia Gariss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Gariss (Eva Ziegler) of Wellington, Ohio; and Elizabeth Ann Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Homer Wright (Carowyn Hall) of Orlando, Fla.

A division of enrollment by classes shows a total of 76 freshmen, 70 sophomores, 63 juniors, 54 prospective graduates in the class of 1965, and 3 special students.

Historic Gift Received

The lectern shown below was given to the college by the Elizabeth Avenue Baptist Church at Newark, N. J., which was organized as a congregation in 1769. It is the pulpit used by Dr. George McNeely, who recently retired after fifty-six years as pastor of the church. Further details on the history of the Elizabeth Avenue Church and about Dr. McNeely appear elsewhere in this issue.



FMF and Alumni Join For Annual Conference

Repeating the plan used during the past two years, the annual Foreign Missions Fellowship Conference and the Alumni Homecoming are being combined for October 8-11 with the Rev. W. Earle Stevens, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga, as the main inspirational speaker.

Mr. Stevens will bring the missionary challenge in morning and evening sessions on Thursday and Friday in the college chapel. During an extensive tour this past summer in several foreign countries including the Holy Land in Israel, Mr. Stevens was able to visit many of the forty or more missionaries who are supported at least in part by the Westminster church.

Bryan alumni missionaries who will be speakers at the conference include the Rev. Ralph Toliver '37, Bryan's first foreign missionary representative who works with Overseas Missionary Fellowship in the Philippines; the Rev. George Birch '48, a missionary teacher who has served for three terms in Nigeria under Sudan Interior Mission; Mr. James Gould '55, a first term missionary to Ivory Coast, Africa, under the Conservative Baptist Foreign Missionary Society; Miss Norma Sweeney '53, a Child Evangelism Fellowship teacher to Brazil; and Mr. Ernest Lee '52, a translator working in Vietnam under Wycliffe Bible Translators.

These and other missionaries will be featured at combined class sessions on Friday of the conference weekend and will also be on the platform Thursday evening for introductions and costumed appearance and will share in the final Sunday afternoon alumni-missionary rally.

The events of the twelfth annual

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Prominent Pastor Retires

The retirement earlier this year of Dr. George McNeely from the pastorate of the Elizabeth Avenue Baptist Church at Newark, N. J., brought to a close the public ministry of both an unusual church and an unusual pastor. The record of both church and pastor is eminently worthy of preservation as a testimony to Jesus Christ.



Dr. McNeely

The Elizabeth Avenue Church was organized in 1769 and was known in its early history as the "Baptist Meeting House of the Church at Lyons Farms." The area where the church was located was known as Boundary Hill, where brothers by the name of Lyons owned farms. What is now busy Elizabeth Avenue was then a country dirt road, known as the Upper Road. The first church building, used as a hospital in the Revolution, was eventually replaced to meet the needs of a growing congregation. The pictures of these early buildings showing a well-filled graveyard surrounding the church indicate a thriving congregation in those early days.

With the changes of time, however, the "Church at Lyons Farms" had all but dissolved and the buildings abandoned when the young Episcopalian curate, George McNeely, from nearby Elizabeth held a tent meeting in the summer of 1906 on a site four blocks from the present church. As a result of the success of the tent meeting, a remnant of the old congregation plus the new converts banded together to revive the church. Young George McNeely came to be full pastor of this group in 1908, beginning a ministry which at its height included not only a large congregation in the enlarged and rebuilt church at the corner of Elizabeth and Lyons Avenues but also a downtown Newark branch congregation known as City Temple and five outlying mission congregations.

When the country area in which the church was located became a part of the sprawling city of Newark, the church came to be known as the Elizabeth Avenue Baptist Church but the corporate title remained the same with Elizabeth Avenue prefixed—"Elizabeth Avenue Baptist Meeting House of the Church at Lyons Farms."

Dr. McNeely was born in Dumki-

neely, County Donegal, Ireland, in 1878, the oldest son of twelve children. His family emigrated to America when Dr. McNeely was a lad of 12, settling in Elizabeth, N. J. Both of his parents died within a year of each other before Dr. McNeely was 21, causing him as the oldest son in the family to carry a great deal of family responsibility very early in life.

Brought up in the Low-Church of Ireland, he was converted to Christ early in life. As a young man in America, he became a lay reader in St. John's Episcopal Church of Elizabeth, from which he advanced to become a curate, serving under three rectors prior to the time he became pastor of the Newark congregation.

Dr. McNeely's skill as an expositor of the Scriptures no doubt accounted for the fact that many families sat under his teaching for two and three generations and that many of his congregations continued to attend his church over the years even though most of them in time came to live outside of Newark and some at great distances. His pastoral ministry was one of the largest and most fruitful on the entire eastern seaboard and he was a well-known figure on the Bible conference platform. His understanding of the prophetic Scriptures; his insight into the relationship between spiritual truth and economic, political, and social conditions; his effective methods of presentation; and his long ministry combined with the gifts of his Gaelic temperament to give him a spiritual stature in keeping with his physical endowment.

Dr. and Mrs. McNeely are now living at 120 S. Harrison St., East Orange, N. J.

Five Bryan Graduates Complete Doctorates

Five Bryan graduates have recently completed their doctoral programs, four at Dallas Theological Seminary and one at Ohio State University. The Dallas graduates who received the Th.D. degree in May are Kenneth Hanna '57, Lyle Hillegas '56, Alan Johnson '57, and Richard Ruble '57. Jesse D. Humbert '43 received the Ph.D. degree at the August 28 commencement at Ohio State.

Dr. Hanna is registrar at the Winnipeg Bible College and also teaches several courses in the practical Christian work department. He has also served as interim pastor of Elim Chapel in Winnipeg since going to that city in August, 1963.

Dr. Hillegas wrote his doctoral thesis on the history of Westmont College where he has been serving on the faculty. This year he became Dean of Men at that school.

Dr. Johnson has accepted an appointment this fall to the Bible department faculty at Moody Bible Institute. He and his family are residing at Wheaton, Ill.

Dr. Ruble has accepted a position at John Brown University in the two fields of Bible and psychology. He also received the M.S. in psychology from North Texas State University this past June.

Dr. Humbert is chairman of the department of physical sciences at Grace College in Winona Lake, Ind.

Two Bryan Friends Called Home

Two of Bryan's longtime friends, Mrs. Earl Williamson of Santa Barbara, Calif., and Mrs. Mabel Bedford of Kalamazoo, Mich., were called into the presence of the Lord this summer.

Mrs. Isabel Williamson was receptionist at Westmont College when after a brief illness resulting from Hodgkin's disease she was released rather suddenly without evidence of pain on July 17. Her husband, the Rev. Earl Williamson, is controller of Westmont College, and their daughter, Mrs.



Mrs. Williamson

William Yeary with her husband and three children live at Goleta, Calif. Mrs. Williamson will be remembered by many Bryan alumni for her service in the print shop, as cashier, and at special Bryan functions where she shared in planning the decorations and programs during the years of 1946-53.

Mrs. Bedford was a special student at Bryan in 1932-33 while her daughter, Joy, who is now Mrs. Harold Honeywell, attended classes at Bryan. Her grandson, David Honeywell, was graduated at Bryan in the class of 1959 and is now a Spanish teacher at the Delton High School and pastor of the Interlakes Baptist Church in Delton, Michigan.



Pictured above are the new members added to the Bryan faculty this fall. In front are, left to right: Miss Virginia Seguine, assistant librarian; Miss Elaine Smetters, assistant professor of music, from Chicago, Ill.; standing, l. to r.: Thomas Beal, instructor in biology and chemistry, of Knoxville, Tenn.; Tseng Min Hsu, instructor in mathematics and physics, of China; James Eschenbrenner, dean of students and dean of men, of Chatsworth, Calif.; and Glen Leibig, instructor in Spanish, who is on leave of absence from the Central American Mission.

Six New Members Strengthen Faculty

The roster of Bryan faculty has been strengthened this fall with six new members including four returning Bryan graduates who have been occupied in graduate study and teaching.

Miss Seguine, a Bryan graduate with the class of 1954, is a graduate student at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Mich., where she expects to complete her master's work in library science in June, 1965, by taking a second-semester leave from Bryan. She served for the past two years on the staff of Appalachian Bible Institute in addition to teaching for several years in private elementary schools.

Miss Smetters, a Bryan alumna of 1959, holds the master of music degree from the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago in the field of organ and church music. Last year she taught at Toccoa Falls Institute in Georgia.

Since completing his undergraduate work at Bryan in 1963, Mr. Beal has been doing graduate study at the University of Tennessee in the field of biology and will be teaching both botany and chemistry this year. He is on a one-year appointment replacing Mr. Arthur Meyer, who is on leave of absence to pursue studies towards the doctorate at U. T.

Mr. Hsu came to Bryan in January, 1959, after being permitted to leave Communist China in 1957 because of poor health, which he was

able to regain during a year spent in Hong Kong before coming to the States. He has completed the residence work for a master's degree in mathematics at the University of Tennessee since being graduated from Bryan College in 1962.

Mr. Eschenbrenner has had a wide range of teaching experience in both public and private schools in addition to having earned the master of science degree in education from the University of Southern California. He was ordained to the ministry by the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church and recently pastored a Conservative Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Eschenbrenner and their two sons are living in the counselor's apartment in the men's dormitory.

Mr. Leibig, a graduate of Barrington College in Rhode Island, holds a certificate in practical radio engineering from the Capitol Radio Engineers Institute of Washington, D. C., and a certificate in Spanish from the Escuela de Idiomas of San Jose, Costa Rica. He has been serving with the Central American Mission since 1952, particularly in the radio department. He was chief engineer of radio station TGWA in Guatemala for six years and was director of the same station from June, 1960 to 1963. Mr. and Mrs. Leibig have four children, of whom three are enrolled in the Day-ton elementary school during this extended furlough.

Dean Outlines Plan For Fall Chapel Series

KARL E. KEEFER, *Dean*

A Christian college must always regard its chapel program as one of the most important parts of its educational and spiritual program. Those of us who have responsibility for planning chapel find that it is not easy to maintain the high level of interest and the consistent spiritual thrust which we want to see. Nevertheless we keep trying from year to year and profit particularly from the suggestions of students and faculty members.

As a result of our experiences last year and the ideas which were given to us by students and staff, we are going to attempt something a little different the first semester of this year. For roughly half of the chapel programs we will be utilizing our own personnel resources as faculty, staff and students unite in discussing together some of the basic issues concerning Christian standards of conduct which are continually relevant to Christian education. These include such things as the use of the tongue, conduct between sexes, attitudes toward authority, standards of honesty and integrity, the body as the temple of the Holy Spirit, etc.

The plan is that these basic topics will be presented by a faculty or staff member at a chapel period to be followed the next day at chapel by a discussion led by a panel of students and staff, succeeded on the third day by questions from the student body as a whole. We hope to encourage full and frank discussion and thereby to involve the college family as a whole in working through Biblical principles and 20th Century application of these principles to daily life.

Of course, we will have at chapel a number of guest speakers during the course of the year who will give to us the benefit of their experience and insights. For the first semester, however, the number of these will be somewhat less than previously, in order that we may have the time to carry through the program just described in a meaningful way.

Another point of interest regarding chapel is that the schedule has been altered putting chapel the first thing in the morning schedule beginning at 8:30. We are trusting that the Lord will use this experimental program to accomplish on the campus and in each of our hearts many things which are needed.

Library Committee Recommends Additions

In the continued efforts at Bryan to make progress toward accreditation, the library committee with Richard Cornelius, head of the English department, as chairman, has indicated that a great step would be taken in this direction if the holdings of the Bryan library could be doubled. A list of books has been selected as desirable additions to the library, and friends of the college are invited to make donations for the purchase of books in their field of special interest. Should several donors be interested in the same book, suitable substitutions will be made by the head of that department. In addition to the purchase of new books, the library can also use old books which friends may wish to contribute.

The following books are among those desired as additions to the library:

ANCIENT LANGUAGES: Loeb Classical Library Series, Aristotle: *Physics* (\$6.00), *Problems* (\$6.00), *The Art of Rhetoric* (\$3.00).

BIBLE: *The Epistles to the Hebrews* by F. F. Bruce (\$6.00) and *The Book of Isaiah*, vol. 1, by Edward J. Young (\$6.00).

BUSINESS: *Sources of Business Information* by E. T. Cowan (\$8.00) and *Encyclopedia of Banking and Finance* by G. G. Munn (\$12.00).

EDUCATION: *Psychology: A Study of a Science* by Sigmund Koch, 5 vols. (\$60.00) and *The Individual and His Religion and Becoming* by Gordon Allport (\$5.00 each).

ENGLISH: *The Allegory of Love* by C. S. Lewis (\$10.00) and *A History of Modern Criticism: 1750-1950* by Rene Wellek (\$30.00).

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH: *Communicable and Infectious Diseases* by Franklin H. Top (\$21.00) and *Emergency Medical Guide* by John Henderson (\$6.95).

HISTORY: *The Chicago History of American Civilization*, 10 vols. (\$40.00) and *The Horizon History of Christianity* (\$14.50).

MATHEMATICS: *Life Science Library: Mathematics* (\$4.25).

MODERN LANGUAGES: *The Oxford Companion to French Literature* by Sir Paul Harvey and Janet E. Heseltine (\$12.50).

MUSIC: *The Notation of Polyphonic Music: 900-1600* by Willi Apel (\$12.00) and *Cyclopedia Survey of Chamber Music* by Walter Corbett (\$50.00).

SCIENCE: *Birds of America* by T. Gilbert Pearson (\$6.95) and *The Standard Cyclopedia of Horticulture* by Liberty Bailey, 3 vols. (\$40.00).

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B. W. A. Furnishes Women's Dorm Lounge

The Bryan Women's Auxiliary, composed of faculty and staff ladies or wives along with a number of other ladies from the local area, has been engaged this summer in procuring funds to furnish the lounges in two new dormitories.

With a goal of \$4,061, the B.W.A. led by Mrs. Louise Bentley, president, sponsored a Taste Fest Recipe Fair in

August to arouse interest in the project and invite friends to contribute. More than 70 women participated in the fair by sending a favorite recipe and then bringing to the fair a sample made from the recipe. After a get-acquainted period of games and special music, the ladies made a grand march around the dining room to view and to taste the array of casseroles, breads, salads, and desserts including pies, cakes, and cookies. They collected copies of recipes which had been printed in advance and made contributions toward the project in the amount of \$364.

Other gifts made by the students and by the women have brought the total income to over \$2,500. With more than half of the sum in hand, the furniture was ordered for the girls' lounge and is expected to arrive by the end of September. It is hoped that the additional funds needed for the men's lounge will be available to place the order before Christmas.

The ladies of the B.W.A. regularly bake birthday cakes as ordered by the parents for students at Bryan, and they will be offering for sale a Kodachrome Christmas card with a picture of the Bryan chapel in a snow setting.

FMF-ALUMNI CONFERENCE

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fall homecoming will occupy all day Saturday beginning with the traditional outdoor breakfast at Rogers' cottage. The annual business meeting is set for 1:00 p.m. and the banquet on Saturday evening will highlight the homecoming activities.

The Rev. Raymond Childress '55, president of Southland Bible Institute in Pikeville, Ky., is the current president of the Bryan College Alumni Association; and Mr. Donald Crane, a junior student of Richmond, Va., is president of the Bryan F.M.F. chapter.

The F.M.F. chapter sponsors the Bryan missionary fund which through gifts by students, faculty, and alumni provides a token support each year for some 130 missionaries on the list of Bryan alumni in foreign countries.

Lions Ready for Action

The new fall season finds Coach Oliver and the Bryan Lions eager to get off to another year of intercollegiate athletic competition after winning 31 of 60 contests in five sports in 1963-64. Cross country and soccer share the limelight as the new year gets under way.

Led by returning lettermen Gene Barchuk, Ray Ferriman, Wayne Hamilton, and Robert Pettus, the distance men are seeking to match or better last year's impressive 6-2 record. Several upperclassmen and freshmen are counted on to add depth to the team.

Soccer will be initiated this fall on a varsity level at Bryan in response to the success of last year's experimental team which won two games and lost none. Returning from last year's team are Reuben Rosales, Larry Hansen, Robert Au, Robert Andrews, Bill Joyner, Carl Lundeen, Dave Llewellyn, Frank Heath, Paul Rose, James Bath, and Jack Spence. The schedule will include games with Berry, Lee, Tennessee Temple, and St. Bernard of Alabama.

The intramural sports program gained a new outlook for the fall with the addition of an asphalt surface court. This outdoor athletic area will accommodate two tennis courts, volleyball, and basketball.

The following booklets are available upon request: **How Valid Is the Theory of Evolution?** by Dr. Willard Henning, **The Treasures of Wisdom and Knowledge** by Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, **Ecumenism** by Dr. Vernon Grounds, and the **Inspiration of the Scriptures** in a series by four Bryan faculty members.